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1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE; SEE PARA. 6.

3. SUMMARY. IN RESPONSE TO THE CONTINUING CRISIS IN RWANDA AND TO IRISH PUBLIC OPINION, THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS INCREASING ITS RWANDAN RELIEF EFFORT BOTH IN FUNDING AND IN MANPOWER, INCLUDING A FEW MILITARY PERSONNEL. DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS POLITICAL DIRECTOR TED BARRINGTON HAS ASKED FOR U.S.G. ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTING APPROXIMATELY 32 MILITARY MEN AND THEIR EQUIPMENT TO RWANDA AND IN SUPPLYING THEM WITH SOME 8 JEEPS THERE. MINISTER OF STATE TOM KITT WILL HEAD THE IRISH DELEGATION TO THE AUGUST 2 DONORS' CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. END SUMMARY.

4. ON JULY 28, WE MET WITH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) OFFICIALS NOEL WHELAN (POLITICAL ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF STATE TOM KITT), SEAN WHELAN (POLITICAL DIVISION COUNSELLOR FOR UN AND MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS) AND KEN THOMPSON (DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION DIVISION COUNSELLOR FOR EMERGENCY AID) TO OBTAIN THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO
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PRESIDENT CLINTON'S AND AID ADMINISTRATOR ATWOODS'
RESPECTIVE LETTERS ON RWANDA (REFS. A AND B).

5. DURING THE MEETING, DFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR TED BARRINGTON DROPPED BY TO ASK U.S.G. HELP IN TRANSPORTING APPROXIMATELY 32 IRISH DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL TO RWANDA AND IN MAKING SOME 8 JEEPS AVAILABLE TO THEM THERE. BARRINGTON SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DICK SPRING HAD ANNOUNCED DURING AN EARLY AFTERNOON RADIO INTERVIEW THAT DAY THAT 8 TEAMS OF 4 MEN EXPERT IN THE AREAS OF LOGISTICS, TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING WOULD BE SECONDED TO THE UNHRC ON A CONTRACT BASIS. (BARRINGTON NOTED IN REGARD TO THIS ARRANGEMENT THAT THE DEFENCE ACT OF 1960 FORBADE THE DESPATCH OF IRISH MILITARY FORCES, AS SUCH, ABROAD EXCEPT UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL.) THE OFFICERS WOULD FUNCTION IN RWANDA ON A "SELF-SUFFICIENT" BASIS, TAKING THEIR RATIONS, WATER PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT, TENTS, ETC. BARRINGTON EMPHASIZED THAT THESE OFFICERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE ALREADY EXPERIENCED IN PEACEKEEPING, WOULD WORK

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CLOSELY WITH THE FRENCH AND WITH US. WE PROMISED TO GET BACK TO HIM ASAP.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO BARRINGTON'S REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND JEEPS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS REGARD THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH, WHO IS ABROAD, STRONGLY SUPPORTED A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THEM IN A TELECON WITH THE CHARGE LATE ON JULY 28.

7. IN ADDITION, OUR INTERLOCUTORS SAID THAT:
-- MINISTER OF STATE (DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER) TOM KITT WOULD LEAD THE IRISH DELEGATION TO THE DONORS' CONFERENCE
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IN GENEVA ON AUGUST 2;

-- THERE HAD BEEN A "HUGE" RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ALLOW PUBLIC SERVANTS TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK IN RWANDA AT FULL PAY; SOME 35 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING 7-8 MILITARY PERSONNEL, WOULD SOON DEPART FOR THAT COUNTRY;

-- TWELVE (12) MILITARY OFFICERS, FOUR (4) OF WHOM HAD ALREADY LEFT IRELAND, WOULD WORK WITH THE IRISH RELIEF AGENCY "GOAL" IN RWANDA AS PART OF THE IRISH AID PROGRAM THERE;

-- SOME DOZEN IRISH AID WORKERS IN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR SERVICE IN RWANDA; SOME ARE ALREADY THERE. ALTOGETHER,

THERE ARE 115 IRISH AID WORKERS THERE:
"CONCERN," 69; "GOAL," 40; AND "TROCAIRE," 5.

-- FRENCH INTENTIONS TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM RWANDA BY THE END OF AUGUST NOTWITHSTANDING, FRANCE UNDERSTANDS THAT FRENCH FORCES CANNOT LEAVE UNTIL UNAMIR FORCES ARE READY TO REPLACE THEM;

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-- IRELAND HAS MILITARY OFFICERS IN ZAIRE AND IN GENEVA TO
MONITOR THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT;

-- IRELAND IS RELUCTANT TO "PUSH" RWANDAN REFUGEES TO
RETURN HOME LEST THEY BE SLAUGHTERED;

-- IRELAND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE NGOS' CAPACITY TO USE
WORKERS IS LIMITED;

-- IRELAND HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF A
PERMANENT UN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL BOTH IN THE 6TH COMMITTEE

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OF THE UNGA AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION;

-- THE BOSNIAN TRIBUNAL IN THE HAGUE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
AJUDICATE RWANDAN CASES AND COULD, IN TIME, BECOME A
PERMANENT WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL.

-- IRELAND BELIEVES THAT THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR AND THE
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS SHOULD WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER.

9. ON JULY 27, MINISTER OF STATE KITT ADDRESSED
PARLIAMENT'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE
RWANDAN CRISIS. (KITT'S STATEMENT HAS BEEN FAXED TO
EUR/NE.) HE SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT:

-- "THE INITIATIVE BY PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UN AND THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT THAT US TROOPS
WILL BE ABLE TO USE KIGALI AS THE BASE FOR HUMANITARIAN
OPERATIONS SHOULD HELP TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO
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-- "I WARMLY WELCOME THE U.S. INITIATIVE IN MOBILIZING THE
LOGISTICAL RESOURCES WHICH IT, AS A MAJOR MILITARY POWER,
HAS AVAILABLE. THE LOGISTICAL CAPACITY OF US FORCES IS
INVALUABLE IN DEALING WITH THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS.

-- "THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IS WHAT WE
FOR OUR PART DO BEST - TO FUND AID AND TO SUPPLY PERSONNEL
FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF BY RESPECTED AND HIGHLY EFFICIENT
IRISH AND INTERNATIONAL AID AGENCIES, AND, AS I HAVE
INDICATED, OTHER OPTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THIS AREA.

-- "IN THE SHORT TERM THE IMMEDIATE PRIORITY IS TO MEET THE
TERRIBLE NEEDS OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION. IN THE IMMEDIATE
TERM THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS FOR CONDITIONS FOR PEACE
AND STABILITY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN RWANDA WHICH WILL GIVE
PEOPLE THE REASSURANCE THEY NEED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES..

-- "THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CANNOT ENCOURAGE REFUGEES
TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES WITHOUT ACCEPTING THAT IT HAS FULL
RESPONSIBILITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT,
OF SEEING THAT THEIR SECURITY IS GUARANTEED. UNAMIR'S ROLE
IS CRUCIAL IN ALL OF THIS.

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-- "I HAVE BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTED AT THE RATE OF PROGRESS
IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR, BUT HOPEFULLY NOW WITH THE
PROSPECT OF A RESTORATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY TO RWANDA,
UNAMIR WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO FULL STRENGTH AND BE ABLE TO
ACCOMPLISH THE TASKS OUTLINED IN THE MANDATE WHICH THE
SECURITY COUNCIL HAS GIVEN IT.

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-- "THE (IRISH) GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS ON A PRACTICAL LEVEL
MARK A WATERSHED IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN AID
POLICY. THEY REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE
PARTNERSHIP WHICH WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY HAD WITH THE AID
AGENCIES....WE ARE DETERMINED TO GIVE ALL THE SUPPORT WE
CAN TO THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT."
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